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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Late last year former Chairman Inouye and I discussed the disclosure in the New York Times of sensitive intelligence information appearing in the Select Committee's staff study on analysis of oil policy issues. I am enclosing for your information the damage assessments prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency on this incident.

These damage assessments are also being made available to the Select Committee on Ethics in accordance with their request. As you know, Senator Inouye initiated an investigation of the unauthorized disclosures. In view of the serious consequences indicated by the damage assessments, I have directed that the heads of the departments and agencies to which the study was disseminated determine if the unauthorized disclosure came from their organizations.

Yours sincerely,

/s/
STANSFIELD TURNER

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